

The Probation and Parole Review

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Recognizing the worth and dignity of all individuals, our organization is dedicated to creating a dynamic environment committed to working successfully with offenders to establish productive lives.

Missouri Board of Probation and Parole Vision Statement

This newsletter is a quarterly publication produced by the District 17 Probation and Parole Public Relations Bureau. It is intended to facilitate a better understanding and communication between this agency, various criminal justice agencies, other community partners, and the public in general.

Offender Learns From His Mistakes

He writes:

I was 19 years old when I got arrested for the very first time. Now, at the age of 22, I have been arrested more than 20 times. Obviously, I am not proud of this, and in no way am I bragging. Rather, I'm just showing how one person can get caught up in the system by making a series of bad decisions. The decisions I made caused me to receive felony charges (Sale of a Controlled Substance, 3 counts; Driving While Intoxicated), and ultimately landed me in the Missouri Department of Corrections.

The experience I had in prison (120 day treatment center in the Missouri Department of Corrections) changed me forever. The last few years of my life have not been easy, but I now know that I am the one who caused all of this. My decisions progressively led me to a place where no one wants to be. With time and experience, however, I am becoming a better decision maker. I am taking the things I've been taught and using them in my everyday decisions. I now know that the choices I make not only affect my future, but those that are close to me, too. Weighing out the consequences and thinking clearly before I act have helped me make this possible. I guess the reason why I am writing about all of this is that I want you to understand how easy it actually can be to become a felon in this country. I let some of my birthright freedoms go down the drain because I didn't think about what I was doing. Now I am one of 17,488 people on drug-related probation in Missouri. But make no mistakes, by the end of my life I will not be known as Offender #####, but rather as a respected member of society who has learned a lesson the hard way. Make your future happen by making the right decisions. Use each day as a building block for the next.



Drug Court

On December 7, 2005, twenty participants of the St. Charles County DWI/Drug Court Program graduated and were recognized for their accomplishments during the Sixteenth Drug Court Graduation Ceremony.

Several participants were given their Nolle Prosequi Letters, after completing this program within the Diversion Track. The remaining graduates were individuals that had been placed on supervised probation and directed into the DWI Track of the St. Charles County DWI/Drug Court Program knowing there is a possibility of an early discharge if they remain violation free for a period of time after completing said program.

Being a Probation/Parole Officer and a member of the St. Charles County Drug Court Team for the last two years, it was indeed a joyous occasion to observe these particular individuals celebrate sobriety and their year or more commitment to this program. In fact, I was honored to be able to say I had a hand in affecting change and worked closely with ten of the twenty participants. It's not often that a Probation/Parole Officer is recognized for helping individuals change their lives for the better. It has certainly made my job worthwhile, bringing it all home to me regarding why I chose this profession as a career.

These participants and the remaining participants in this program are given the tools and resources to aid in their change of behavior while learning to address and live with their addictions in a more positive way. Most need constant support, a shoulder to cry on, and an ear to listen to them, and that is just what this program offers for these individuals, along with structure, treatment, and close monitoring.

Congratulations to these Graduates, I commend them on a job well done and wish the very best to them in the future.

Submitted by Probation/Parole Officer Sandy Farrow

Staff Update

District 17 says goodbye to Probation and Parole Officer **Leslie Knight**. Leslie accepted a position in the private sector.

In the Spotlight

District employees of the month are chosen to recognize employees of our District who are doing an outstanding job. Each awardee receives a \$10 gift certificate to a local restaurant from Tri-County Citizens Advisory Board as well as a framed certificate from District Administrator James Adkins. Pictures of the awardees are posted on the Employee of the Month recognition plaque. A write up of the accomplishments of the employee are submitted as nominations for Central Region Employee of the Quarter and Department Employee of the Month. Congratulations to the following staff chosen for Employee of the Month during the last quarter.



Kelly Parker

Kelly Parker, Probation and Parole Officer II, was chosen as District 17's Employee of the Month for October, 2005. Kelly was chosen as he is the epitome of professionalism and is an asset to our office. He is always willing to answer questions regarding interstate compact situations and has even offered to look over finished packets so "backtracking" could be avoided. Kelly had maintained and earned the respect of his coworkers as well as Court personnel for his continued great work, professionalism, and integrity.

District 17 thanks **Kelly** for his professionalism.



Clay Danuser

Thank you **Clay** for all you do.

Probation and Parole Officer II **Clay Danuser** was chosen as November's employee of the month. Clay is always generous on Tuesdays helping with client urinalysis and helping the receptionist. On several occasions Clay has stayed later that expected to help with client urinalysis so that all needed urinalysis were completed. Clay never complains and is always professional. Clay is an asset to this office.



Keith Glass

Keith Glass, Probation and Parole Officer II, was chosen as December's Employee of the Month. Keith has been employed as a Probation and Parole Officer for 27 years. He has worked in the capacity of an Electronic Monitoring Officer, an Intensive Supervision Officer, and a Primary Officer. He, alone, manages the soda fund. In addition, he has helped many co-workers with car repairs, does court mail on Fridays, represents the office at the Criminal Information Exchange, and co-ordinates the State Employee Charitable Campaign.

District 17 thanks **Keith** for always going above and beyond the call of duty.

Officer Receives Prestigious Award



Lisa Brown

Probation and Parole Officer **Lisa Brown** was presented with the Department of Corrections **Lifesaver Award** on 12-19-05. The Lifesaver Award is bestowed to a departmental employee who has taken actions to save the life of another person. In October 2004, PO Brown took action when she recognized that a client at the probation office was showing symptoms of a significant medical problem. The client was originally planning on going home to "sleep it off" but Officer Brown contacted emergency medical services instead. The client was transported to the hospital where it was found that they were suffering a dangerous complication of diabetic ketoacidosis. The treating physician reported that had the client gone home and slept instead of receiving medical treatment, the client might have slipped into a coma with a possibly fatal outcome. A very special thank you is extended to Lisa for her actions.

Welcome to Our New Interns

District 17 has 2 new interns. All have completed training and are on the job.

- ◆ **Cara Brown**, an intern from University of Missouri, St. Louis, is assisting Probation and Parole Officer **Sandy Daiber** with supervision of dangerous felons.
- ◆ **Deborah Lammers**, an intern from Lindenwood University, is assisting Probation and Parole Officers **Gini Spies**. Gini supervises a primary caseload which includes Intensive Supervision, Electronic Monitoring, and Regular Caseload offenders.



Busy Being Benevolent



- ◆ On November 17th Probation and Parole Officer II **Tom Loudon**, **Tara Lowrey**, **Sandy Tinkham**, **Cheryl Glass**, and Unit Supervisor **Don Scott** collected \$244.96 while volunteering for "Old Newsboys' Day." The corner of Truman and Ehlman was certainly cold, but it was all worth it as Old Newsboy Day proceeds are used for various local charities.
- ◆ Probation and Parole Officers **Donna Osiecki**, **Robyn Fuchs**, **Bonita Tracer**, **Tom Loudon**, **Tara Lowrey**, **Cheryl Glass**, and **Sandy Daiber**; Unit Supervisor **Melinda Oliver**, and Office Support Assistant (Keyboarding) **Cathy Jankowski** rang the holiday bells on December 10th for the Salvation Army Tree of Lights Campaign from 9am. until 9pm. at J.C. Penney in Westfield Shoppingtown (MidRivers).
- ◆ Probation and Parole Officer II **Lisa Brown** collected \$125 from the District 17 Staff to purchase five \$25 USO Care Packages. The actual retail value of each care package is \$75. Each package contains, at a minimum, 1 prepaid international calling card, a disposable camera, toiletries, sunscreen and a personal message of support from the sender. The USO Care Packages are delivered to service members away from home. These packages allow us to express our support for our troops.
- ◆ The District 17 Social Committee chose to Adopt a Family for Christmas through St. Joachim and Ann's Care Services. It is an awesome experience to help a family in need have a Happy Holiday.
- ◆ Can food goods were collected for the Salvation Army food pantry. A unit competition was held to make this worthwhile charity a fun event.

Upcoming Events

- ♦ A **Crazy Bowl** will be held by the Tri County Citizens Advisory Board on **February 11, 2006** at St. Charles Lanes, 2187 First Capitol Drive, St. Charles, MO 63301. Registration is at 5:30 pm. **Lane sponsors and bowlers are needed.** For more information **contact: Esther Angelos** at (636) 441-0329 or Cheryl Glass at (636) 940-3333. RSVP soon to Esther Angelos or Cheryl Glass. (See enclosed flyer.)

Once offenders are released from the Missouri Department of Corrections, they continue to need such assistance as substance abuse treatment, housing, utility assistance, mental health treatment and medication, and transportation costs to treatment providers. The Citizens Advisory Board offers assistance in these areas and other areas for District 17 offenders through grants and loans. These services help ensure that **offenders become productive in the community which strengthens public safety for all Missourians.** This is a 501C3 non for profit organization with a completely volunteer board.

If interested in becoming part of the Board, please contact Cheryl Glass at (636)940-3333. Partner with us in helping keep our community safe.



When changing your will, don't forget the Citizens Advisory Board.

- ♦ **Family Violence Council** will hold a Spring Conference . Topic and details will be available at a later date. If you have any questions, please contact Tara Lowrey or Cheryl Glass at 940-3333.
- ♦ National Crime Victims' Rights Week is **April 23-29, 2006.** The theme this year is "**Victims' Rights: Strength in Unity**" Posters and poems made or written by victims are needed. These articles will be displayed to help the community understand how crime impacts victims. We hope to be able to display these items in an empty store front at Westfield Shopping Town, Mid Rivers. If you are a crime victim and would like to submit an item for display, please **contact Cheryl Glass at (636) 940-3333 or Joan Koechig (Victims of Crime Assistance Program) at (636) 949-7311 .**

District 17 needs your help!

We are looking for employers that are willing to hire felons and give them a chance to prove they can do a good job. The return to prison rate is significantly lower if an offender is employed on a full time basis which saves tax payers money and helps offenders become productive citizens. If you or you know a business that is willing to hire felons, please contact Cheryl Glass (636) 940-3333.

Missouri State Probation and Parole Central Region 2005 Seniority Recognition



Photo Courtesy of Ron Cope

Pictured from left to right are: (R-1) Dalene Baker, Penny Coleman, Gwenda Burks, Cathy Jankowski, Shannon Sydow, (R-2) Diana Malan, Pam Esphorst, Lori Zuroweste, Genny Dopp, Sonya Engelking, Sheila Allen, Lesley Finafrock, (R-3) Kelly Lewis, Dan Conboy, Don Scott, Keith Reidt, Kelly Parker, Kevin Knickerbocker, Wanda Stone, (R-4) Mark Loethen, John Sydow, and Doug Rowley.

On October 26, 2005 the Missouri Department of Corrections Assistant Division Director Paul Caspari, Central Region Probation and Parole Administrator Glenn Brucker, and the Central Region Public Relations Committee recognized the Probation and Parole Central Region employees with 10, 15, 20, 25, and 30 years of service at Columbia College, Columbia, MO. The honorees were recognized for their dedication and years of service. Glenn stated, "This year's honorees share a total of 440 years of dedicated service to the department. Their collective commitment and many outstanding contributions to the agency's mission are an inspiration to their colleagues." The Citizens' Advisory Boards in the Central Region and the Missouri Probation and Parole Officers' Association sponsored the event.

The following employees were recognized:

- 10 years:** Sheila Allen, Dalene Baker, Gary Baker, Kimberly Banks, Sonya Engelking, Lesley Finafrock, Kelly Lewis, Diana Malan, Kelly Parker, Wanda Stone, John Sydow, Shannon Sydow, Jay Rohrer, and Brian Wiles.
- 15 years:** Penny Coleman, Pamela Esphorst, Cathy Jankowski, Kevin Knickerbocker, Keith Reidt, Don Scott, and Lori Zuroweste.
- 20 years:** Gwenda Burks, Doug Rowley, Alan Howes, and Margie Bontz.
- 25 years:** Monica Stampini.
- 30 years:** Dan Conboy, Genny Dopp, and Mark Loethen.

The Central Region encompasses Probation and Parole supervision in the following counties: Schuyler, Scotland, Clark, Adair, Knox, Lewis, Macon, Shelby, Marion, Randolph, Monroe, Ralls, Pike, Howard, Boone, Audrain, Callaway, Montgomery, Lincoln, Warren, St. Charles, Moniteau, Cole, Osage, Gasconade, and Franklin. The following prisons are also part of the Central Region: Algoa Correctional Center, Boonville Correctional Center, Fulton Reception and Diagnostic Center, Moberly Correctional Center, Jefferson City Correctional Center, Northeast Correctional Center, Ozark Correctional Center, South Central Correctional Center, Tipton Correctional Center, and Women's Eastern Reception and Diagnostic Center.

Family Violence Council

The new year is a time for reflection and change. The new year offers an opportunity to explore new interests and make new commitments. This year is no exception, and the St. Charles County Family Violence Council, a task force of Healthy Communities of St. Charles County, may hold that opportunity for you. Beginning in January, Cheryl Glass and Tara Lowrey of the Missouri Board of Probation & Parole will chair the Council. The Council would like to thank the previous chairpersons; Jessica Craig, St. Charles County Prosecuting Attorney's Office/Victims of Crime Assistance, and Janet Snowden, Crider Center, for their excellent leadership and continued commitment to the Family Violence Council. The Council's mission is to provide education, prevention, and awareness by promoting a coordinated community response grounded in the principles of zero tolerance of domestic violence. Past activities have included a Stop the Violence 5K Walk/Run, and annual Candlelight Vigil for Domestic Violence Awareness Month, and conferences to educate the community. In the following year, a main goal is to increase participation from the community by inviting local law enforcement, social service agencies, the judicial community, and community volunteers to make a commitment to the Council and the prevention of Domestic Violence. The Council also hopes to sponsor more trainings for the community and is always interested in new ideas for trainings. Additionally, we hope to increase preventions activities through a coordinated community effort.

Domestic Violence effects the entire community. Abusers, victims, and survivors can be in our neighborhoods, our workplace, and our families. The St. Charles Family Violence Council consists of people, like yourself, who are concerned about their community and wish to make it a better place. The Council meets of the third Wednesday of each month from 12:15 p.m. - 1:15 p.m. a the St. Joseph's Health Center in St. Charles in the Troy Room. **Any-one who is interested in working towards prevention domestic violence is welcome to attend.** For additional information or to make a suggestion, please contact Cheryl Glass or Tara Lowrey at (636) 940-3333. Thank you and have a productive 2006.

Submitted by Probation and Parole Officer Tara Lowrey



New Sentencing Assessment Report

On 11-1-05, the Board of Probation and Parole changed the name and format of its Pre-Sentence Investigation Report. The new report is called the Sentencing Assessment Report. The new report format is the result of a change to 558.019.6 RSMo, which required the Missouri Sentencing Advisory Commission to review and publish a system of recommended sentences. One goal of the Commission is to reduce sentencing disparity.

The Sentencing Assessment Report will contain basic information on the offender and the offense, as well as the impact on the victim, and will provide the court and counsel with:

1. A rating of prior criminal history and the risk of re-offending, by using the offender risk factors as set forth in the Sentencing Recommendations;
2. An analysis of non-prison sentencing alternatives (where appropriate);
3. A recommendation for sentencing in accordance with the Sentencing Recommendations; and
4. Where a prison sentence is indicated, the report will indicate what percentage of the sentence must be served before the offender is eligible for a parole guideline release, and the percent that offenders with that sentence and risk rating actually served before parole.

The new Sentencing Assessment Report is a slimmer, more concise report that still contains the important information desired by the court to make a sentencing decision.

Additional information about the Missouri Sentencing Advisory Commission, their Report on Recommended Sentencing, and the Automated Recommended Sentencing tool can be found at the following website: <http://www.mosac.mo.gov/>

(Information obtained from the Missouri Sentencing Advisory Commission's Recommended Sentencing User Guide)

Just the Facts....

The Board of Probation and Parole has 53 field offices and 12 satellite offices that provide supervision of 67,311 offenders in the community. District 17 supervises all offenders that reside in St. Charles County, with the exception of offenders living in the 63348, 63358, 63367 and 63385 zip codes. Our office is staffed with 35 probation and parole officers, 6 clerical staff, 4 unit supervisors, 1 administrator, and 2 volunteers. District 17 is also home to the Central Region administrative staff and the Central Zone personnel clerk.

The following lists the types of offenders supervised at the District 17 office:

Felony Probation	1621
Misdemeanor Probation	241
Parole	372
Conditional Release	14
Interstate	52
<u>Deferred Prosecution</u>	<u>36</u>
Total	2336

Submitted by District Administrator James Adkins

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